

Arizona Biomedical Research Commission

February 8, 2007

15 South 15th Avenue, Suite 103-A
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Members Present:

David Landrith
Colleen Brophy, M.D.
Barbara Wuebbels, R.N.
David Jerman
Lon Owen, Ph.D.
Manuel Modiano, M.D. (via phone)
Greg Garcia, Esq. (via phone)

Staff Present:

Dawn Schroeder, D.D.S.
James Matthews
Damika Brock

Others Present:

Jack LaSota, Esq.

The meeting was called to order at 10:19 A.M. by Chair Landrith. A quorum was present. Commissioner Owen moved to approve the October 17, 2006 meeting minutes. Commissioner Wuebbels seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Jerman moved to approve the November 16, 2006 meeting minutes. Commissioner Owen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Brophy moved to approve the December 8, 2006 meeting minutes. Commissioner Wuebbels seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director Schroeder described the activities undertaken concerning efforts to implement the Arizona Tissue Alliance. The participating parties are discussing physical property ownership, intellectual property ownership, and possible organizational governance.

Executive Director Schroeder explained that the current funding agreement with the Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen) will expire June 30, 2007. Future funding options including renewing the existing contract and creating a new contract were described. A letter from Governor Napolitano requesting that current funding be extended was provided to Commissioners. Commissioner Jerman moved to amend the TGen contract to continue funding of \$5,000,000 per year for fiscal years 2008 through 2012. Commissioner Wuebbels seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Owen recused himself from the votes. Commissioner Jerman noted that TGen President and Scientific Director Jeffery Trent is a member of the Arizona Alzheimer's Consortium Board of Directors. Commissioner Jerman is employed by the Consortium. He also noted that Joan Shapiro of CHW is Chair of the Consortium Board of Directors.

Commissioner Wuebbels updated the Commission on the activities of the subcommittee reviewing the Hispanic clinical trials proposal. The subcommittee rejected the proposal and expressed its desire to see proposals that focused not on collecting attitude data but rather focused on testing intervention theories.

Executive Director Schroeder described the National Institutes of Health Clinical and Translational Scientific Award proposal recruitment. The CTSA is of critical importance to Commission translational efforts as well as to all Arizona biomedical research institutions. Commission contractor Battelle is ideally positioned to assist in the development of the Arizona application for a CTSA. Commissioner Owen moved that the Commission go to Executive Session. Commissioner Brophy seconded. (Commission moved to Executive Session at 10:52 AM). The Commission returned to open session at 11:05 AM. Commissioner Owen moved to

amend the Battelle contract to integrate ABRC translational activities with the CTSA activities and authorize up to an additional \$50,000 for the project. Commissioner Brophy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director Schroeder and Jack LaSota reviewed legislative activities. Jack LaSota described SB1383 the Science Foundation Arizona funding request and SB's 1406 and 1558 which contain the Phoenix campus medical school funding requests. Executive Director Schroeder described HB2770 a proposal to create and fund a regenerative tissue program. On February 15, 2006 at 8:00 AM there will be a joint Senate-House Health Committee meeting to brief the status of Arizona Bioscience Roadmap. Commissioner Landrith will present on behalf of the Commission.

Executive Director Schroeder reviewed recent activities. Commission staff and Walt Plosila of Battelle met in Tucson with the University of Arizona Vice President for Research Leslie Tolbert and Director of the BIO5 Institute Vicky Chandler to discuss what can be done to encourage more applications in response to ABRC requests for proposals. Executive Director Schroeder also described the Commission sponsored Tissue Issue Conference. There were 120 attendees at the full day conference. Commissioners Brophy and Garcia attended.

Commissioner Garcia informed the Commissioners of a March 2, 2006 personalized medicine conference at the ASU School of Law. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Executive Director Dawn Schroeder reminded the Commission that the next meeting will be to discuss and make decisions on proposals submitted in response to RFP 07-100. The Commission was provided a two page descriptive brief explaining the review process. She thanked Commissioner Brophy for editing the brief.

The next Commission meeting will be May 10, 2007.

Commissioner Landrith made a call to the public.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.

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James Matthews
Deputy Director